

Public Health Educational Opportunities at Kansas Universities (6/3/2013)

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Kansas RN to BSN Programs

- **Kansas RN to BSN programs**

This is an online site that includes a list of Kansas RN to BSN programs

Kansas State University

- **One Health Kansas Pathways to Public Health**

Introduction to Public Health

The Introduction to Public Health course is designed to pave the way for undergraduate and community college students to enroll at K-State and complete a BS and a Masters degree related to careers in public health. It is an online, three credit hour course that is available through Dodge City Community College, Johnson County Community College, Kansas City Kansas Community College, and Kansas State University.

“Introduction to Public Health” introduces the many areas of the public health system, and the work in measuring health, disease and illness, and its endeavors to promote population health.

- **Concurrent BS/MPH Program**

The concurrent BS/MPH program provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to obtain both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Public Health degree in a shorter time period than typically required if both degrees are pursued separately.

- **Public Health Core Concepts Graduate Certificate**

The certificate program in Public Health Core Concepts is designed to give individuals, both working professionals and graduate students on campus with no formal public health education, a strong foundation of knowledge in the five core concept areas in public health: biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health services administration, and social and behavioral sciences. The courses required for the certificate are the same ones required in the core concept areas for the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program currently offered at Kansas State University.

- **Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)**

An area of emphasis may be selected from food safety and biosecurity, infectious diseases/zoonoses, public health human nutrition, or public health physical activity.

Pittsburg State University

- **Minor Public Health**

The public health minor focuses on maintaining a healthy society through the control of disease, education about health promotion and disease prevention, and organized efforts to preserve healthy environments. It will incorporate civic knowledge and commitment – locally, nationally and globally and ethical reasoning and action, forming the foundation for lifelong learning for healthier populations and communities.

- **Introduction to Public Health NURS 303**

An introduction to public health to introduce students from a variety of disciplines to the basic tenets of public health providing a history of public health, and introduction to the public health core functions and disciplines, (epidemiology, environmental health, biostatistics, health management and policy and social and behavior health), current events and issues in the field, and career opportunities.

University of Kansas

- **Bachelor Degree - Health**

The University of Kansas Health degree is a rigorous and dynamic course of study requiring 54-56 general education hours, 46 comprehensive major hours, 16-18 elective hours and a senior internship. Our curriculum is geared toward meeting the competencies for those taking the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Exam, given by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

Students have the flexibility to develop expertise in their topical area of interest related to health such as:

- a. Sports Psychology
- b. Sexual Health
- c. Gender and Health
- d. Adapted Physical Activity
- e. Multicultural Health

- **Graduate Certificate in Community Health and Development**

University-based graduate program that combines contact time, supervised practice, and (eventually) distance learning.

The Department of Applied Behavioral Science (ABS) has established a one-year Certificate Program in Community Health and Development. The certificate program offers advanced training and University-based certification to those involved in building healthy communities.

The focus is on training in core aspects of community work—from community assessment and strategic planning to intervention, evaluation, and sustainability.

- **Public Health Nursing Graduate Degrees**

- **Master of Science in Nursing**

- The Master of Science degree in nursing program enlarges the focus of nursing, using as its foundation the basic baccalaureate nursing program.

- Functional Specialty Core:** Courses provide the information necessary for advanced practice.

- Specializations are available in the following areas:

- Organizational Leadership
 - Public Health Nursing

- **Post-Bachelor's Doctor of Nursing Practice**

- The post-baccalaureate DNP curriculum is designed for registered nurses who have completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. DNP graduates will develop the knowledge, skills, and expertise to become clinical scholars and transformational leaders, and to function at the highest level of nursing practice. The DNP program is divided into two components. The leadership component includes:

- Organizational Leadership
 - Public Health Nursing

- **Master of Public Health**

- The Master of Public Health program provides teaching, research, and service activities that prepare public health practitioners, health care providers, and researchers to develop and apply population-based and individual approaches to maintaining and improving the public's health in the heartland and the nation.

The degree is offered through the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at KU Medical Center in Kansas City and the School of Medicine — Wichita.

- **Leadership Certificates**

- The leadership certificate programs require applicants to have earned a master's in nursing or DNP degree, or a graduate degree in a health-related discipline. As part of the certificate curriculum, students will complete at least one course from the Leadership core in addition to their specific certificate program requirements.

- **Public Health Nursing Certificate – 16 to 19 credit hours**

- Nurses in this program will acquire skills in advanced community-based interventions and outcomes measurement, with emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention strategies

for a targeted population. Public health nurses will find employment in state and county health departments, national and regional agencies that focus on specialized client populations, or as leaders in community-based clinical and advocacy agencies. All courses are Web-based.

Leadership Core elective course (2 or 3 credits): \$322.15/cr. hr. + \$65 / cr. hr. e-learning fee*

Organizational Leadership Certificate - 17 to 18 credit hours

This certificate is designed to prepare clinicians with skills in organizational behavior, clinical operations and system design, quality measurement and risk management, fiscal operations and systemic change and project management. It prepares the organizational leader for entry to mid-level clinical leadership and management positions, with the possibility of future promotions to a higher executive level. All NRSB courses are Web-based.

Leadership Core elective course (2 or 3 credits): \$322.15/cr. hr. plus \$65 / cr. hr. e-learning fee.*

Wichita State University Department of Public Health Sciences

- **Aging Studies at Wichita State University**

The Aging Studies program (AGE) offers courses of study for the Master of Arts (MA) degree in aging studies, a graduate emphasis in aging studies, and an undergraduate minor in aging studies.

- **The Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Management and Community**

Development (HSMCD) develops leadership capacity for a healthy society through its undergraduate degree program.

- **B. S. in Health Science**

The health sciences field is enjoying an explosion of career opportunities, with job growth of 27% predicted in the next decade for all health services professions (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). In concert with this growth, the Department of Public Health Sciences offers a B.S. in Health Science.

- **Graduate Certificate in Public Health Admission Requirements**

The required courses for the Graduate Certificate in Public Health are based on the five areas defined by the Council on Education for Public Health to be the basic areas of public health knowledge (health care policy and administration, social and behavioral aspects of public health, epidemiology, environmental health, and biostatistics). Students can complete the coursework (15 credit hours) in 24 months.